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C.I.A. Vietnam Analyst

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George A. Carver Jr., who appeared yesterday as a witness in Gen. William C. Westmoreland's libel suit against CBS, was the chief Central Intelligence Agency analyst of the Vietnam War. Though he testified in behalf of the general, he had sometimes clashed with him during the war and oversaw studies that suggested the war was unwinnable.

Mr. Carver, now 54 years old, began work in the Far East division of the C.I.A. in 1962, and was the Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs from 1966 to 1973. He spent his childhood in China, where his father was chairman of the University of Shanghai's department of English.

He retired from the C.I.A. in 1979 and is now a senior fellow at Georgetown University's Center for Strategic and International Studies and president of C & S Associates, a consulting firm he founded.

In a pretrial deposition this year, Mr. Carver testified that in

the mid-1960's Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara summoned him to the Pentagon to discuss the war. Mr. Carver gave a gloomy assessment and expected to be "thrown out." Instead, Secretary McNamara asked him to return for further informal dialogue.

Mr. Carver testified that he had seen all subsequent Secretaries of Defense on approximately a weekly basis until after the end of the war..

Under the supervision of Mr. Carver, the C.I.A. prepared two long, "top secret" assessments of the military and political situation in Vietnam in August 1966 and May 1967. They seemed to suggest that the war was unwinnable and clumsily prosecuted.

The now-declassified C.I.A. reports said that 27 months of bombing had "remarkably little effect" on North Vietnam's ability to continue the war and that "the longer the war lasts the more intractable our problems will become."